

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

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# JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

Plaintiffs Walter Stiles and Angela Stiles and Defendants Exotic Chicken Wings Inc, Young N. Lee, and Cheong M. Rhee (collectively the "Parties"), by and through their undersigned counsel, jointly move this Court to enter an order approving the settlement entered into by the Parties and dismissing this case in its entirety, with prejudice, by consent of all parties. In support of this Motion, the Parties state the following:

1. Plaintiffs Walter Stiles and Angela Stiles brought this lawsuit alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. ("FLSA"), on July 27, 2015 (Doc. 1).

- 2. After exchanging information and negotiations, the Parties have agreed to resolve this matter and now seek the Court's approval of the settlement and dismissal of the case with prejudice. *See Lynn's Food Stores, Inc. vs. United States*, 679 F.2d 1350, 1354 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982).
- 3. The terms of the settlement, contained in the Release and Waiver Agreements (the "Agreements") entered into by the Parties are favorable in light of the (1) damages available under the FLSA; (2) the alleged damages of the Plaintiffs; and (3) the amount for attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in the litigation. The Parties expressly agree that the Agreements are fair and reasonable in all respects.
- 4. The Parties negotiated the terms of the Agreements at arms-length and in good faith as a fair and reasonable compromise. The Parties stipulate that they have a bona fide dispute under the FLSA. Their settlement allows the parties to avoid the significant time, expense, and uncertainty of protracted litigation.
  - 5. The Parties stipulate that no party is prejudiced by the Agreements.
- 6. All Parties have been represented, at all times, by experienced counsel. There has been sufficient exchange of information to allow counsel to act intelligently in this matter and to make an informed decision regarding settlement.
  - 7. To allow the Court to review and approve the settlement, the Parties

have provided the Court with the Agreements for its review in camera.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that this Court (1) grant their joint motion for approval of their Agreements to settle this case; and (2) dismiss this case in its entirety with prejudice, with each party to bear its own costs except as provided in the Agreements. A proposed order is attached.

Respectfully submitted on this 5 day of December, 2015.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 15, 2015, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will serve counsel for Plaintiffs:

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